



Summary of Guidance for 21-day County Health Department Monitoring of Travelers from Countries Currently Experiencing an Outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Homeland Security's Customs & Border Protection (CBP) have begun entry screening at five U.S. airports that receive all travelers from the Ebola-affected nations of Guinea, Liberia, Mali, and Sierra Leone. The CDC will distribute contact information for these screened passengers to the state they are residing in via *Epi-X*.

Upon receiving the notification, the Florida Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of Epidemiology, will immediately distribute passenger lists to the county health departments of residence for monitoring as described below.

County Health Department (CHD) Actions Following Airport Screening Notifications

- CHDs should implement a sustainable, long-term system to track these individuals as this surveillance program is expected to last at least several months. Surge capacity may be needed for counties with multiple travelers or who have staffing limitations.
- Make contact with the person(s) on the list and conduct an in-person assessment within 12 hours of notification.
- While persons will have been assessed for risk exposure by CDC on arrival in the U.S., a second risk assessment should be conducted by CHDs using the DOH EVD risk assessment algorithm. The traveler should be provided a number to contact appropriate CHD staff 24/7. Follow the guidance as described below for high and low risk travelers.

Components of Monitoring

Traveler follow-up consists of twice daily temperature checks and observation of any illness symptoms, with verification of health status and compliance by in-person visits by the county health officials. The traveler should immediately report by phone to the CHD any fever or other symptoms for a period of 21 days after departure from an EVD outbreak country.

All **high risk travelers** will be advised to voluntarily quarantine themselves for the duration of the monitoring period. Non-compliance with voluntary quarantine will result in involuntary quarantine by the County Health Officer.

For **all travelers** from an impacted country, monitoring includes twice daily in-person visitation by a CHD official.

1. A CHD official will contact the traveler to complete the Traveler Monitoring Information Form, conduct a EVD risk assessment, and establish a procedure for twice daily (every 10-14 hours) in-person monitoring.
2. The CHD official will call the traveler to determine whether there has been any symptom onset, and if none, will travel to a pre-arranged mutually agreeable location.
3. The individual should receive training in how to properly take their temperature.

4. Twice daily, a CHD official will observe the traveler taking their temperature and the CHD official will record the time, temperature and presence or absence of all symptoms on the Daily Symptom and Temperature Log.
5. Once a day, before 5:00PM, the CHD official will enter the information from the Daily Symptom and Temperature Log into the Merlin outbreak module #1860.
6. If the person reports at least one symptom (including fever), or if overt signs of illness are observed, the CHD official or designee will immediately notify the CHD Health Officer or if unable to reach the CHD Health Officer, notify the Bureau of Epidemiology.
7. If a traveler has not been in contact for 4 hours or more after a designated meeting time, additional efforts should be made to find and observe the person and the Bureau of Epidemiology should be notified.
8. If a traveler transfers between jurisdictions during the course of their monitoring, the CHD should notify the Bureau of Epidemiology and the receiving CHD, if in Florida, of the anticipated transfer.
9. These procedures will be followed for 21 days from the last day in the outbreak country.